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IN THE DRAWINGS:

The applicant has submitted concurrently herewith a request for approval of drawing changes in which a "Prior Art" label is added to Figures 1, 3 and 4A-4B. The applicant has also submitted replace sheets for the amended drawings.

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REMARKS

The examiner objected to the drawings on the ground that Figures 1, 3, 4A and 4B lack designations as prior art. Accordingly, the applicant has submitted concurrently herewith a request for approval of drawing changes in which a "Prior Art" label is added to Figures 1, 3, 4A and 4B. The applicant has also submitted replacement sheets for the amended drawings.

The examiner further objected to the drawing for failing to show where the brake interlock function disables the display unit when the display unit is mounted on a dashboard of a vehicle as described in Claim 1. Furthermore, the examiner objected to the specification for failing to disclose the display unit mounted on a dashboard of the vehicle wherein the brake interlock function disables the display unit when the vehicle is motion. Accordingly, the applicant has deleted this feature from all of the independent claims, Claims 1, 10 and 11. Accordingly, applicant believes that the objection to the claims and specification is no longer applicable to the present application.

The examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 10, and 11 under 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art and Park et al. (U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0007906 A1). Accordingly, the applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 10, and 11 to more clearly differentiate the feature of the present invention from the technologies disclosed by the prior art. More specifically, Claims 1, 10 and 11 include the new limitation "wherein the release device

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is established within the display compartment mounted on the front or middle seat when the display unit is installed in the display compartment".

Advantage of such the feature as claimed in independent Claims 1, 10 and 11 are many:

- (1) The installation work can be done with ease.
- (2) No cable or wire is used, which prevents illegal use of the display unit.
- (3) Same display unit can be used for the dash board and the other parts of a vehicle without requiring professional installation of a cable to disable the brake interlock system without the risk of illegal installation by end users.

The admitted prior art combined with the cited Park et al. reference does not render this limitation obvious. On the contrary, neither the admitted prior art nor the cited Park et al. reference disclose the release device that is established within the display compartment when the display unit is installed in the display compartment.

The admitted prior art shown in Figure 4A needs a wire for connecting the AV interface unit 47 to the ground to release the brake interlock function. As known in the art, in the application to a vehicle, the ground is a body frame of the vehicle. Thus, in the admitted prior art, the wire (release device) cannot be established within the display compartment formed on the front or

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middle seat. Therefore, the admitted prior art does not show or suggest the release device of the present invention.

The cited Park et al. reference discloses a headrest mounted video display. The headrest has a compartment 94 in which a display unit 38 is inserted such that the compartment 94 secures the display unit to the seat in which the compartment is configured to be fit solely with a recess formed on the rear of the head rest. Although the cited Park et al. reference shows the display compartment for installing the display unit therein, it does not show any idea of releasing the brake interlock function let alone a specification location of the release device.

Because such a specific location of the release device for generating the release signal is not shown or suggested by the admitted prior art or cited Park et al. reference, the applicant believes that the rejections under 35 U.S.C 103(a) should be withdrawn.

Similarly, with respect to rejected claim 9, no combination of the admitted prior art, the cited Park et al. reference, and the cited Yoshioka reference renders the limitation "wherein the release device is established within the display compartment mounted on the front or middle seat when the display unit is installed in the display compartment" obvious. The cited Yoshioka reference only teaches a display system wherein a control device restricts the sort of data that can be displayed on a certain display. The cited Yoshioka reference does not teach a release

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device established within the display compartment so that a release signal is activated within the display compartment when the display unit is installed in a corresponding display compartment.

As in the foregoing, none of the cited references taken singly or in combination render the independent Claims 1, 10, and 11 obvious. Accordingly, applicant believes that the independent Claims 1, 10 and 11 and the corresponding dependant claims should be passed to issue.

In this opportunity, the applicant has amended the specification to correct minor wording errors therein and to correct lack of antecedent basis. This is to verify that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Under the circumstances, the applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and the applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig.1 (Prior Art)

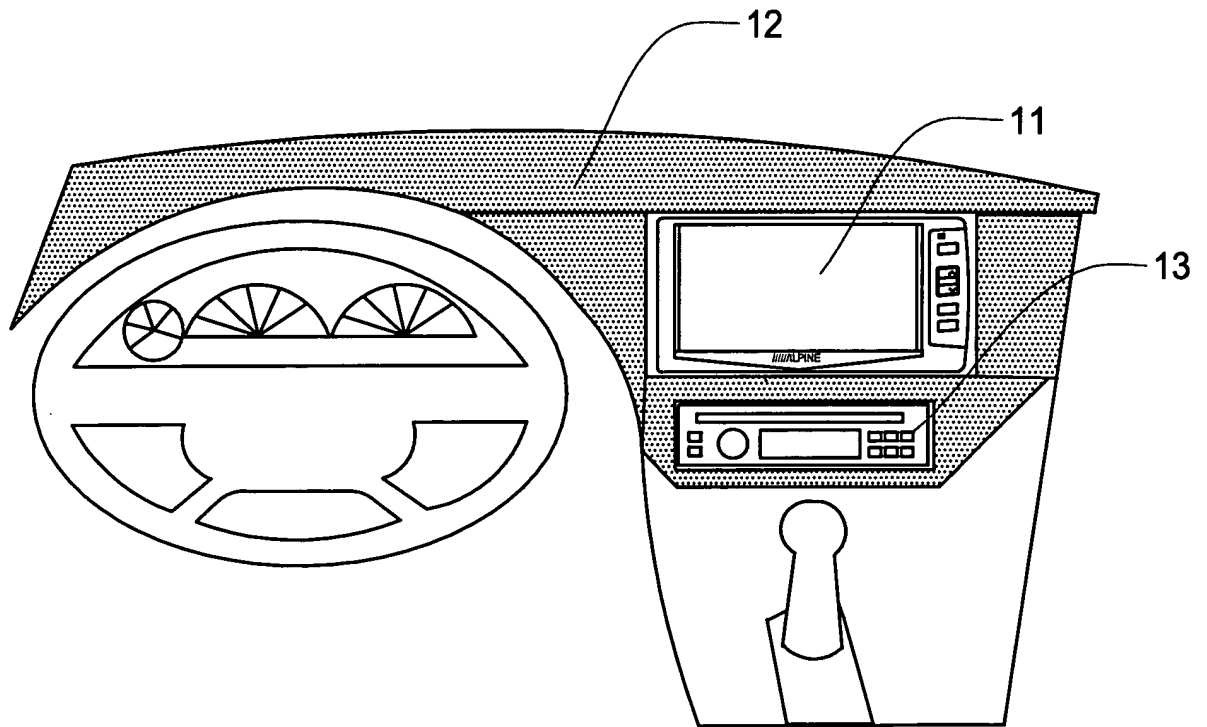


Fig.3 (Prior Art)

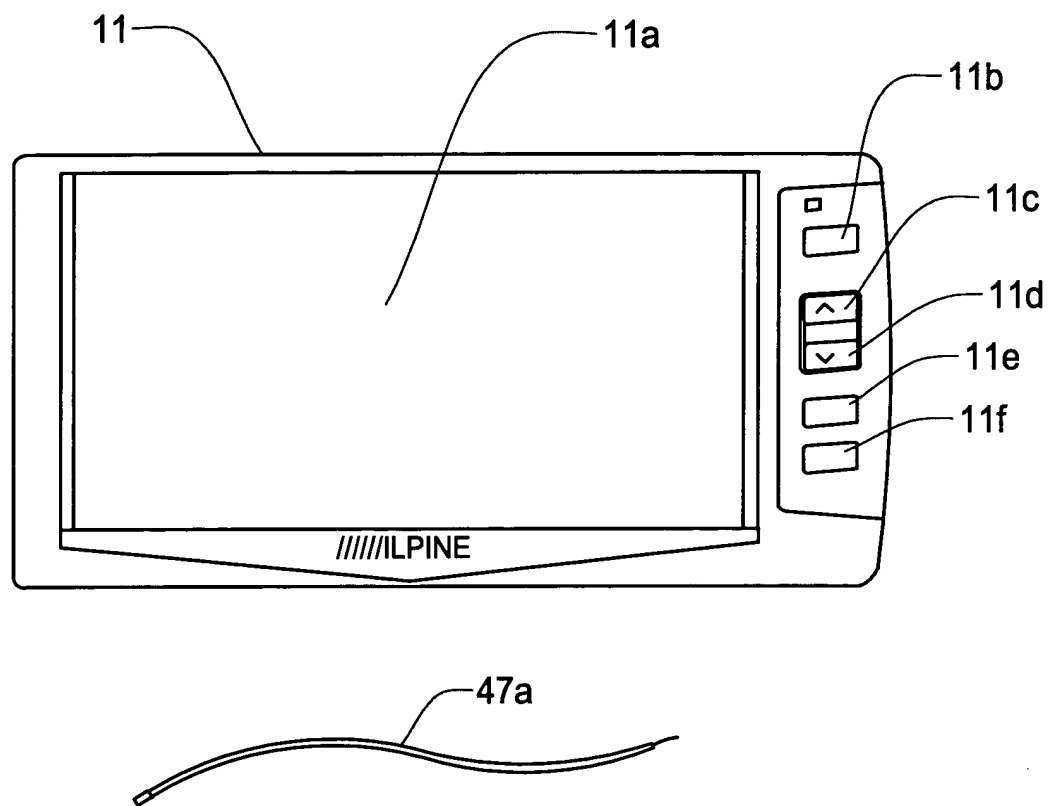


Fig. 4A (Prior Art)

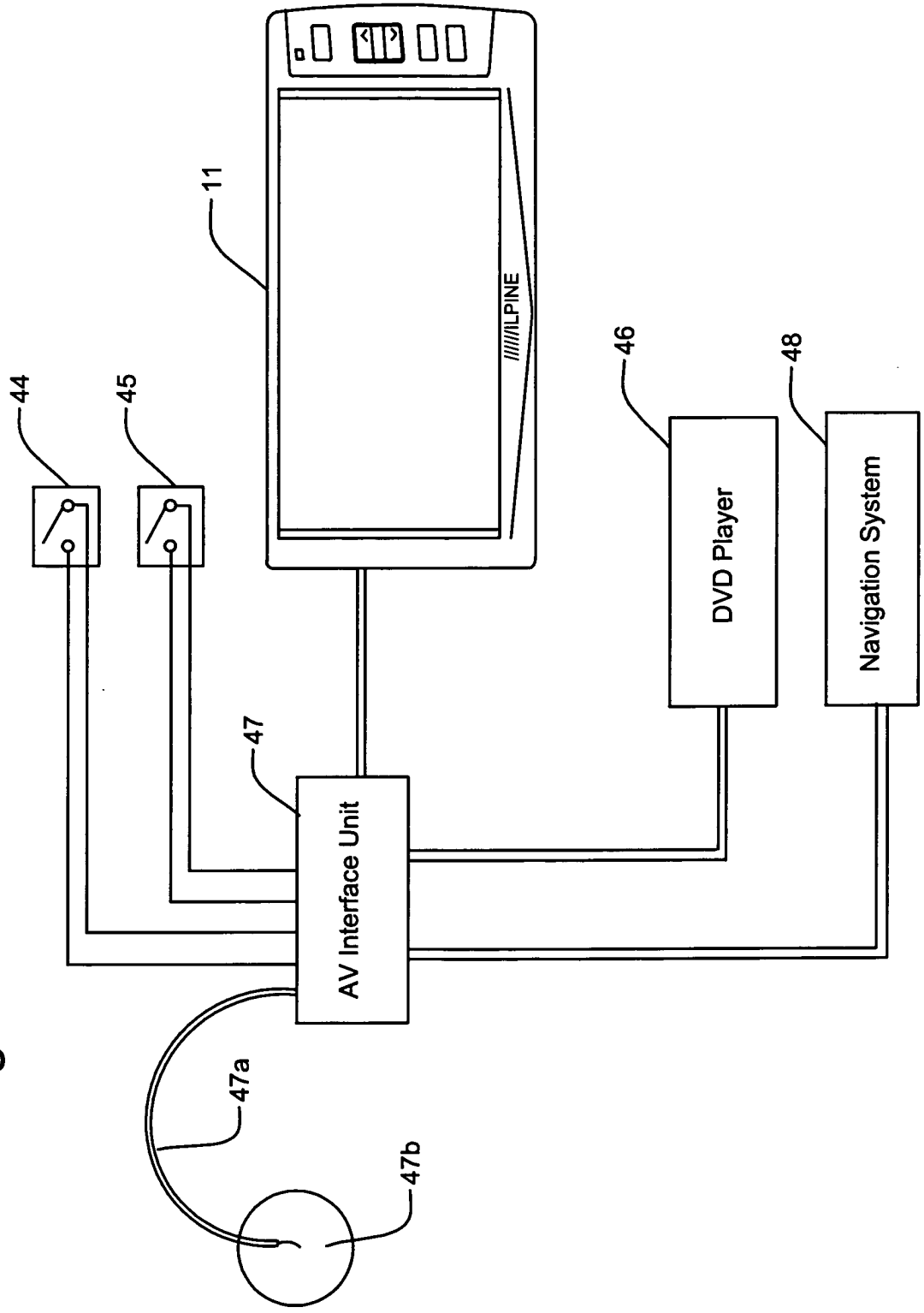


Fig. 4B (prior art)

